

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

## The MVHAL Monthly Food Distribution Program

By Kathy Overholt

Every third Wednesday of the month, MVHAL (Mimbres Valley Health Action League) hosts the mobile food pantry at the Roundup Lodge. Please be aware that despite mandatory isolation, the food distribution is happening as normal. There is one exception. Volunteers are preparing the food boxes inside the lodge and bringing them out to cars. If you come, simply wait in line in your car and a volunteer will bring you the food.



In this current climate of economic uncertainty, more food is needed than before, so the MVHAL board is trying to increase the amount of food we buy. However, this may not be logistically possible as the food distributor, RoadRunner, is currently operating at maximum capacity. In March, 20% more families participated in the distribution. The numbers were similar in April and we anticipate a increase next month. (FYI: The next Commodities Distribution will take place at the Lodge on Wednesday May 20 at 11 a.m.).

We urge readers to spread the word that anyone in the Valley suffering from food insecurity due to the virus, unemployment, being housebound, or any other reason, is welcome to participate. The income eligibility for a household of one is less than \$23,107 per year. If there are two in the household, the eligibility is less than \$31,284 per year. (There are more income limits on the registration form itself—see pages 11 and 12). If someone has lost their job then his or her income is now zero and they

qualify. SNAP recipients automatically qualify. To be eligible for MVHAL's program, the recipient should live in the Valley and that includes Hanover, Faywood, and Lake Roberts. Due to the demand, there is only one box per family.

If you are a new participant, you need to register. The form can be found on pages 12 (English) and 11 (Spanish). Simply tear it out, fill it in and bring it with you to the Wednesday food distribution at the Roundup Lodge. If you have already registered, there is no need to fill out a form.

MVHAL would like to give a huge shout-out to Sonny Johnson and her team of valiant volunteers who do a great job organizing the safe sign-up and distribution of the food. She has been liaising closely with the RoadRunner Food Bank, which is the source of the food. Thank you, Sonny, and all commodities' volunteers! See Dawn Gray's article in this issue on her experience as a volunteer.



While the state of New Mexico provides some payment to RoadRunner, MVHAL contributes a monthly payment to purchase additional food. Of this, a portion of the payment is made possible by a grant from Single Socks, a thrift store at 111 College Avenue, Silver City. MVHAL

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Mary Willhite



As you probably know, the NM governor announced on April 23<sup>rd</sup> that the stay-at-home order will remain in effect until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Even though it may be boring staying at home, and it seems like it will never end, NM is lucky to have conscientious leaders that are taking the pandemic seriously. Last month's *Messenger* was full of articles about the virus and how it was changing our lives. This month, other than what you will read here from the nurses, we are aiming for a more uplifting edition. See Gene Stailey's story about his big adventure going to the rodeo as a kid and the Honeybee article from the "bugman."

The things I want to mention come from nurses. If there is one thing nurses wish everyone would do is to sign a health proxy or directive. It has become even more important now than before. The nurse who requested this has had 55 patients pass away, and only one had a health proxy on file. It really isn't fair to the medical staff to have to ask families if their loved one's wish was to be put on a respirator only to find that there is disagreement among the family members. This should not be their responsibility. Health Directives can be found online and at most doctors' offices and the hospital.

The second thing I would like to mention is a letter from nurse Mackenzie Anderson to patients, their families and friends.

"Did you wake up & cry because you have to stay home another day?

I woke up & cried because it was my turn to float to the positive floor.

Are you "bored"?

Come... hang out with me for 5 minutes.. I promise you'll be so scared, you'll forget you were ever bored.

Do you miss your friends?

Imagine how much more you would miss them if you were isolated and alone in a hospital bed.

Imagine wearing masks so tight to your face that it hurts after hour one but you still have twelve more to work.

Imagine not being able to have a drink of water because you can't take your mask off because they only give you one.

Imagine being so scared to walk into a patient's room, only to find out the patient is just as scared as you are.

Imagine moving out from your home, to protect your loved ones so you can keep going to work only to take care of complete strangers.

Imagine crying your eyes out and having a panic attack at work because everything and everyone is so uncertain.

Then imagine getting an email from the big bosses saying not only are you NOT getting hazard pay, but you are also not getting the bonus that you've been getting for 2+ years for OT shifts.

How's your Monday?"

Nurse Allison Clifton writes.

"My heart is really broken and for the life of me, I can't understand why people won't stay at home. I just don't get it. I really thought we were all better than this. At some point, at this rate, their will be nothing us health providers can do to help. That's the reality we're facing. I hope people remember this when they question why medical staff are not able to help. We will run out of resources. We will run out of doctors. We will run out of nurses. This is what we face."

My husband and I just finished a 14-day self-quarantine because he returned from Florida. Being in the Mimbres, this did not really change our lifestyle all that much. It basically gave us a good reason not to go to Silver City! However, my heart goes out to the people who have lost a loved one, their jobs, or are in danger of losing their businesses, etc. If you are in a position to be able to help in any way, please do. Now is the time to help your neighbors.

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would also like to thank the Board of Single Socks for their support.



MVHAL also acknowledges the support we get from our community. The monthly money MVHAL pays to RoadRunner also comes in part from our community fundraising events and membership dues. We have two major fundraisers—the Harvest Festival and Give Grandly. At the moment, having the Harvest Festival this year is in question. Give Grandly is going on as scheduled, but will be held online (for more information, see this issue's article on Give Grandly). If you are able, we'd be very grateful for any monetary donations and these could be made through Give Grandly on or around May 9th.

### Breaking News: (Received this from RoadRunner)

"Dear Mimbres Valley Health Action League and Sonny Johnson,

We are so pleased to inform you of an incredible gift coming through Feeding America at the national level. Jeff Bezos of [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) committed to a gift of \$100 million for the entire Feeding America Food Bank network. Roadrunner Food Bank, as a member of the Feeding America network, has received funds from this gift. Knowing that all of us (food banks, pantries, schools, churches, soup kitchens, senior centers, the list goes on and on) have been impacted deeply by the current situation, food funding has been earmarked for your specific organization."

Thanks to Mr. Bezos and Roadrunner, this gift will allow MVHAL to continue its support of additional food for more months in 2020.

We hope that soon we will all be able to meet face-to-face again, but meanwhile, please stay safe and well.

## *One Volunteer's Story of Working with the Mimbres Food Distribution*

*By Dawn Gray*

I travelled to Faywood the first time I went to vote after we moved to the Mimbres. Little did I know that I was going to meet Paula Norero, who was working at the sign-in table, and what that meeting would lead me to over time.

Paula was an amazing lady, and active in most everything. One of those things was MVHAL's monthly commodities distribution. I went to volunteer for that, but due to age and physical problems was pretty much confined to sign-in duties. Over time Paula groomed me to take over her job, which I did when she was no longer able to do so. I really do not remember how many years ago that was, but it's been a few. I really look forward to seeing the people I serve every month. I am also happy for them if they no longer qualify for the program, as some do.

The program that MVHAL supports is called, "The Emergency Food Assistance Program - State of New Mexico, or TEFAP". It is not quite the same as a program such as SNAP (food stamps). It is an emergency stopgap program meant for people who have some sort of unforeseen problem that throws their budget into shortfall. This can be medical bills, car breakdowns and any number of other things you can imagine that come with life. For some, that is every month. Others I only see occasionally, and some only once or twice.

We get our food from the Roadrunner Mobile Food Pantry. They operate on donations of food and money from various sources. They are a 501-3-c organization, and all donations are tax deductible. If it were not for them it would be impossible to have this program. I talked to someone who had volunteered in the Roadrunner warehouse. He told me that there are many tons of donated food that comes in and goes out every day, and that to him it was a madhouse. The program is statewide.

Working at commodities distribution has gotten me thinking of many things. One of the first and foremost things I have learned is that I cannot just look at a person and decide that he or she is fit enough to work. There are many, many underlying medical problems that can affect a person's being hireable, both mental and physical. They may be very willing to go to work, but there needs to be an employer that is willing to take their problems into consideration and work

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The staff of the *Mimbres Messenger* has been asking for articles from our readers, especially from the older generation that have been here most of their lives. Neighbor, Gene Stailey, has responded with his wonderful musings on the Silver City Rodeo (and more) back in the late 30's and early 40's.

### THE BIG RODEO - By Gene Stailey

For the last several years the news has all been negative, starting with the presidential election combat, the long investigation (resulting in costing the taxpayers millions of dollars), then the controversy over the "wall", the influx of immigrants that hit our county, and then the lengthy democratic party presidential campaign. Now we are hit with the Coronavirus. Throughout this period, it seems that all the people that we have sent to Washington, DC have done virtually nothing but argue back and forth, point fingers, and blame each other. I think it is about time we change the subject, even for just a few minutes.

With your permission I would like to attempt to do this by adding a little bit of local history and humor.

Recently, I read in the *Daily Press* that Don Turner was scheduled to give a presentation on "Old Time Rodeos." This prompted me to try to write a little of my feelings about rodeos. If he has already given his presentation, I am sorry. I know Don and he comes from a ranching/rodeo family and has spent a lot of time collecting history of all types, military, ranching, mining, you name it.

By the way, Don and I are somewhat "redneck" kin. He is married to my cousin, Susan Lee and his brother, Jerry, is married to my little sister, Sally. Don and Jerry were raised in a little village called Turnerville (named after the Turner family), which no longer exists as it was covered up by the western part of the Chino Mine dumps. As I mentioned earlier, Don came from a rodeo family. I have seen his father, "Audie Turner," compete in rodeos as well as Don and Jerry as teenagers. Now, on to my stories and my feelings about rodeos.

Back when I was a kid, Silver City held a three-day rodeo. The rodeo was always centered around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July regardless of what day of the week it fell. It was always a big event for me, the biggest highlight of the year. It started back when I was ten or eleven years of age. I will be 93 years old on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, and I look back on it with fond memories just like it was yesterday.

On with the story. Three of my cousins, Bud and Coop Stailey, Kent Lee and I would get out of school the last week of May. Then we would go to work in the fields and work our little tails off to gather up a "few buck" to

go to the rodeo. I lived in Riverside and the cousins lived just over the hill in Bear Creek, near Gila, some 30 miles from Silver City.

This would not even be thought of today, or even allowed with the crime rate as it is, but with our parent's permission, we would catch or hitch hike a ride to Silver City. With a few bucks in our pockets and no place to stay to we set out to attend the BIG RODEO.

As mentioned earlier, we had no place to stay. You might say that we were the first "homeless people" in Silver City. We slept under the Broadway Street Bridge at night. I can remember one time that we pooled our money and bought a stalk of bananas from a little Chinese store named Hung Lees that was located on East Broadway between Bullard Street and the bridge. Many of you may not know what a stalk of bananas is. For those that don't, picture a stem/stick with bananas sticking to all sides of it about the size of a five gallon bucket and about as deep. Well, that is what we bought. It was so heavy that we could hardly carry it. These old "country" boys went "hog wild", we had never seen anything like that before. I ate so many bananas that I got sick. I could not even eat a banana for a long time.

The rodeo was held on what is now known as Swan Street about where the Army Reserve building is now. There were no houses in that whole area. What we call Swan Street was just a country dirt road going to a ranch which I think was owned by a family named Judge. To my knowledge, there was only one residence in that whole area and that was the Brown home located on what is about 2600 N. Yucca.

Temporary makeshift "bucking, roping chutes, and corrals" were put up. There was no arena fencing. The arena consisted of parked cars and trucks in a circle. Should the bronc rider be unfortunate enough to get bucked off on the "fence"—OUCH! After the rodeo performance was over, they would have horse races on the road, running south back toward town.

You may find this hard to believe, but where Silver, Swan and Yuca streets are there were no houses. Where the Denny's Café is now was way out of town then. Highway 180 which used to be #260 came into town on the street

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between the Moose Club and Griffin's Propane, then it went down to what is now Pinos Altos Road and went down to where the stop light is near McDonalds. There was only one home in that area and it still stands—the Henry Watson home. Where McDonalds sits was a bar and liquor store called The Limit which was way out of town.

To further explain the route of Highway 180, it went on down Silver Heights onto Pope to College turning left onto Bullard, then south on Bullard to Market street then right and straight out over the hill to Cliff.

If you wanted to take highway 90, you would take the same route on Market to Cooper Street, then left in front of the old Court House continuing between the two cemeteries and south on to Lordsburg.

The reason I go into detail on the highways is for the benefit of those that are "newcomers" to the area.

Now back to my rodeo story. I mentioned that we slept under the bridge. You might wonder, "weren't you scared or afraid?" No! What was there to be

afraid of? Times were different then. We would come to town the morning of the first show, spend two nights and go home after the rodeo on the third day. These were all day performances as there was no lighting.

There was a café in the building where the Buffalo Bar was named Grants Café and they stayed open all night, so we would go there, and grab a bite to eat. Then we would get back out of the way and listen to live country music and Frankie Little with his "cowboy poetry." As the night wore on and we got tired, we would go to the bridge, go down the embankment, smooth out a spot, and lie down and go to sleep. The next morning, we would go back to the café, go to the restroom, wash up and get ready to start another day.

What a great time we had. I can remember that on this venture I drank my first Pepsi Cola® --WOW—I liked the fizz it had when you opened one of those large glass bottles.

As I mentioned earlier, kids could not do this today for many reasons, but I will treasure these memories forever. I feel honored to have lived in that period of time.

Thanks for reading my tale of woe. ----- Gene Stailey

## THANK YOU, MR. KOURY

Once again, we have reason to be thankful that we have Mr. Koury as the principal of the San Lorenzo Elementary School.

If you have started noticing the Cobre School buses going up and down the Valley, it is not a mirage. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the two regular buses that come from San Lorenzo Elementary school started delivering packets from teachers as well as the free breakfast and lunches that are being provided for all children ages 1-18. Prior to this time, the lunches had to be picked up at the Post Office, and they were doing about 90 per day.

Mr. Koury started calling the parents and realized that many of them were unable to utilize the pick at the Post Office. You know Mr. Koury, where there is a problem, there is a solution. Even though he encountered much resistance, now the school is distributing an average of 140 deliveries a day, and are reaching almost all of the children. By the way, San Lorenzo is

the only school using this common-sense approach. Keeps the children up-to-date on their assignments from teachers, keeps the bus drivers working, and keeps the school children fed.

The rules of pick up are:

- ◆ Remain in your vehicles until delivery has been made.
- ◆ Do not congregate with others at the pick-up area. 6 feet of distance must be observed at all times.
- ◆ Wash your hands before you leave your home and after you return
- ◆ If you are not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19, please remain at home and do not come for the pick-up.

Bus #40 Leaves the School at 10:45 and makes eight stops and arrives at the City of Rocks between 11:36 and 11:40.

Bus #39 Leaves the School at 10:45 and makes 22 stops and arrives at Ponderosa at 12:30. For the exact times and locations of all the stops, go to the Cobre Consolidate website.



## GIVE GRANDLY!

A local day of giving

By Kathy Overholt



While the bad news is, we're all stuck at home; the good news is, that Give Grandly is going to proceed – but only online.

What is Give Grandly? For twenty-four hours, beginning at midnight on 5/9/2020, donations made to the Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) will be matched by the Grant County Community Foundation. This means that a ten-dollar donation becomes effectively twenty dollars, and a twenty-dollar donation becomes effectively forty. There are two caveats—there has to be a total of at least \$250 received and only a maximum of \$500 will be matched. For

MVHAL, this amounts to up to \$1000 in operating funds for the coming year. If you read the cover story, you already know that some of this money funds the monthly food distribution project that happens at the lodge the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

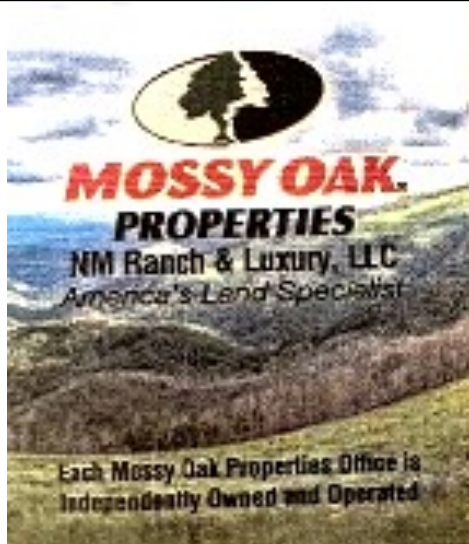
This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for Give Grandly and over fifty charitable organizations in the county are participating. On the 'big day,' Give Grandly is going to stream videos in a live telethon from the Farmer's Market in Silver City. The site can be accessed by going to [Givegrandly.org](http://Givegrandly.org) on Saturday May 9. MVHAL has a 4-minute video it will play

that features our organization and our activities. The video was made by Mitch Clinton and in my view, he did a spectacular job. Check it out and see if you agree. The online streaming will go from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm and will also track all online donations received in live time.

If you can and wish to contribute to MVHAL and Give Grandly, any time after midnight, go to the website [Givegrandly.org](http://Givegrandly.org) and click on the tab "Day of Giving." From there, type in MVHAL or Mimbres Valley Health Action League where you can make a credit card donation. On this day, the donation will be matched and credit card fees waived. If you would prefer to send a check, you can do so as well. Make it out to MVHAL and mail it to, MVHAL, P.O. Box 137, Mimbres NM, 88049.

For those who don't know, or who may have forgotten, in addition to the monthly food distribution, MVHAL sponsors the annual fall Harvest Festival, the local elementary school's vegetable garden, the weekly Mimbres Farmers Market, and the production and distribution of the monthly Mimbres Messenger. You can visit our new website at our old web address of [MVHAL.org](http://MVHAL.org) to learn more about us.

Your donations go a long way in supporting MVHAL's initiatives, especially when it's matched. So, mark the date on your calendar and hope to see you online on 5/9/20.



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with them. That can be difficult for everyone. I feel for the senior citizens who believed their Social Security would give them enough money to live on after retirement, only to find that there was no way they could stretch it to make ends meet. At that point what are they to do? For the seniors that are able to work, there must be someone who is willing to hire them. We also serve younger people who are struggling to get back on their feet after adversity. I have heard many stories that make me realize how lucky I am.

Our commodities program is very deserving of the support of our community. We serve everyone from seniors to pre-school children. These are our neighbors. It feels it is likely that there are more of our neighbors who would qualify but may not be aware of the program or may not know of the income requirements. I would urge them to check this program out.



## Mimbres Valley Plant Sale May 2 - 10 am to 12 noon

A plant sale will be held at Valle Mimbres Market, 2739 HWY 35 from 10 to 12 on May 2, 2020. Local growers will be selling vegetables starts, fruit trees, raspberries, herbs and other plants.

As COVID-19 restrictions are still in place, the number of customers allowed to enter the venue is limited to three at a time.

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## Honeybees ~ By "The Bugman"

This month's bug-of-the-month is the honeybee, one of my favorite insects. Not only do we benefit from stealing honey and various other products from honeybee hives, the pollination services provided by bees are essential to agricultural production. Pollination by honeybees is valued at \$15-20 billion annually in the United States. The production of crops like almonds, sunflowers, grapes, apples, pears, sweet cherries, raspberries and many other plants would not be possible without honeybees.

Some may be surprised to learn that honeybees are not native to North America, but were intentionally brought to this continent from Europe in the 1600s. In southern New Mexico, we not only have the honeybees that originated in Europe, but also bees that we call 'Africanized'. These bees are a genetic mixture of European and African bees. The African bees were brought into the Western Hemisphere by a Brazilian scientist in 1957 with the intention of crossing them with European bees to breed a bee better adapted to the tropical and subtropical conditions in Brazil. Unfortunately, the African bees escaped from the laboratory and began moving north, first arriving in the USA in Texas in 1990 and moving into New Mexico by 1993. The Africanized bees tend to be more aggressive than European bees, or looking at it from the bee's perspective, they are simply better defenders of their colonies. When a European beehive is disturbed, 10-20 bees might emerge and chase you for 20-30 feet, whereas thousands of bees will pour out of an Africanized colony and chase you for hundreds of yards. While the sting of an Africanized bee is no more venomous than that of a European bee, you are likely to receive many more stings from Africanized bees. Every year in New Mexico there are reports of humans, livestock and pets being attacked by Africanized bees, with some mortalities.

Honeybee colonies are a marvel of organization. Fertilized bee eggs become females, and develop into queens or workers depending on what they are fed. Unfertilized eggs become males and have the sole purpose of mating with a queen. Each colony has just

one queen. A queen may live for several years and lay up to 2000 eggs per day, while workers only live for about 6 weeks. Young adult workers stay in the hive where they feed the immature bees, tend the queen and keep the hive clean.



Once they are about 3 weeks old, the house bees graduate and become field bees with their main job being the collection nectar and pollen. Pollen is a protein source while honey is the bees' energy source. Nectar is transformed into honey by mixing it with enzymes in the field bee's stomach. The partially digested mixture is then transferred

from field bees to house bees by regurgitation and then deposited in the comb where it is dehydrated by fanning of the bees' wings. So, in a sense, when you're enjoying a spoonful of honey, it's really just very tasty bee vomit.



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# COMMUNITY and COUNTY CALENDAR

Per the Governor's orders most everything that normally appears here each month has been cancelled until further notice. There are a few places that are still able to operate, (at least at this time) and they are listed below.

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, May 6- First Wednesday of the month.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Cancelled until further notice.** For more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

**BLUES FESTIVAL - Weekend of May 22-24** the Mimbres Region Arts Council is canceling the Silver City Blues Festival as planned in Gough Park. In its place, a series of live stream performances will be scheduled during the weekend of May 22-24. CW Ayon, Missy Andersen, Brandon Perrault, and Rhythm Mystic will perform from their homes. The Mimbres Region Arts Council, through a grant from New Mexico Arts, plans to broadcast these performances online. More information and event schedule will be available at [www.silvercitybluesfestival.org](http://www.silvercitybluesfestival.org). Performers that would like to be included as part of the online festival should contact [booking@mimbresarts.org](mailto:booking@mimbresarts.org) or call 575 538-2505. For any questions, please contact us directly by emailing [info@mimbresarts.org](mailto:info@mimbresarts.org) or call 575 538-2505.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - May 20 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge**  
Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

**DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Third Sunday of every month** Off Line and On Line Auction email: [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) web: [www.desertwestauction.com](http://www.desertwestauction.com) phone: 575-536-9353 On Line at [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com) (We assume they can still hold their off-line auction)

**HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours and Days have been CHANGED -** Now open **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 5 pm.** 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

**LaTIENDA - NEW HOURS** Store hours and Fuel Pumps are open **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** LaTienda Restaurant Del Sol is no longer serving food (even for pickup) until further notice.

**MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY - Monday - Friday NEW HOURS—LUNCH IS NOW AT 12 NOON** Reservations are requested one day in advance. See Page 17 for daily menu. 575-536-9990

## NEW PROCEEDURES

Until further notice, you may still get Senior Lunches at the Senior Center. The building will remain closed, but you may call in your order one day in advance and pick them up at the Center between 12 noon and 12:30 pm. Drive around to the back door and stay in your vehicle and they will bring your lunch to your vehicle.

**SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events** contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or [www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop) for information about any event.

**Silver City Museum Goes Digital During Lockdown** A Virtual Storytime will kick off via Zoom on May 3rd at 7pm with the Museum's own director, Bart Roselli reading from the selection of children's books here in the Museum Store. Tune in with the family for a relaxing Sunday evening! The plan includes online lectures and a bedtime stories series, Silver City Trivia Contest, downloadable activities on famous figures from local history, and an upcoming virtual exhibit. These can be found on the Museum's newly redesigned website, [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org). Website visitors can also sign up for the email list to get links and reminders of upcoming events, and of course those who like or follow the Museum on Facebook will get updates, links, and fascinating tidbits. For more information, please contact the museum at (575) 538-5921 [education@silvercitymuseum.org](mailto:education@silvercitymuseum.org), or visit the museum's website: [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org)

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**WALGREENS - Tuesday, May 5 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.**


**Programa de Comida de Emergencia del Estado Nuevo Mexico (TEFAP)**

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de adultos en el hogar: \_\_\_\_\_

Direccion: \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de Ninos en el hogar: \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad / Estado: \_\_\_\_\_ Condado de: \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de Telefono: \_\_\_\_\_

**Elegibilidad Automatica para la Comida de Emergencia de USDA:**

 Mi hogar recibe SNAP/FDPIR/WIC/CSFP/CACFP/FREE or REDUCED NSLP ☐
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**Si Usted No marque la casilla de arriba, por favor continuar:**

En la siguiente tabla, marque con un círculo el número de personas en su hogar. Encierra en un círculo el límite de ingresos que coincida con el tamaño del hogar: ¿Es su ingreso igual o menor que el número que marcaste?

☐ Si ☐ No

<b>LIMITE DE INGRESO TOTAL</b> <b>NUEVO MÉXICO TEFAP / USDA ALIMENTOS DEL PROGRAMA</b> <b>(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)</b>					
Numero De Personas en el Hogar	Anual	Mensual	Dos veces al Mes	Cada 2 Semanas	Semanal
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,269	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
Por cada miembro Add'l, Agregar	8,177	682	341	315	158

Certifico que el ingreso bruto total para mi hogar es igual o inferior al ingreso he encerrado en un círculo o que mi familia es elegible automáticamente en función de los programas que he marcado arriba.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

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 Certifier




**The Emergency Food Assistance Program State of New Mexico (TEFAP)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults in Household: \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children in Household: \_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Automatic Eligibility for TEFAP/USDA Food:**

 My Household receives SNAP/FDPIR/WIC/CSFP/CACFP/FREE or REDUCED NSLP ☐

**YOU MAY SKIP THE NEXT SECTION IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD ALREADY RECEIVES  
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**PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION**

**If You Did Not Check the Box Above, Please Continue:**

On the following chart, please circle the number of people in your household. Circle the income limit that matches the size of household: Is your income the same or lower than the number you circled?

☐

YES

☐

NO

**GROSS INCOME LIMITS  
NEW MEXICO TEFAP/USDA FOODS PROGRAM**

(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
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For Each Add'l Family Member, Add	8,177	682	341	315	158

I certify that the total gross income for my household is at or below the income I have circled or that my household is automatically eligible based on the programs I checked above.

 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date


Certifier

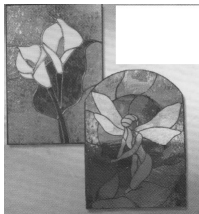
One of our readers, Josie York, submitted one of her favorite stories

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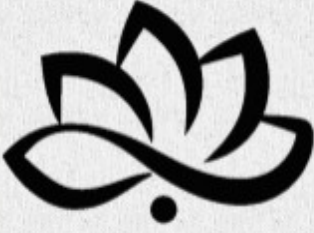
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## MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE

By Kathy Hill



We at the Imogen F Wilson Education Foundation understand and respect the decisions to protect people from the Covid-19 virus. Hopefully sometime soon, restrictions will ease with the curtailing of the illness, and visitors will be back at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site.

With so many places closed, you may be looking for a nice gift for a relative, friend, or others. We have such a wonderful selection of local history books, jewelry of all kinds, bumper stickers, handmade cards for birthdays, anniversary, get well, for general card sending and more. We have mugs, decorative plates and t-shirts, hummingbird feeders and art items. So if you want to shop somewhere without too many people, call Kathy at 536.3161 (hm), 307.640.3012 or Charlene @ 716.307.7379 and you can arrange a purchase either by letting us shop for you, or making an appointment to come in and shop (masks and gloves, please), or even window shopping! We do take credit cards!

Please let us know if we can help during these challenging times. Stay well and happy.

### May 20th Is Give Grandly 2020

Give Grandly, the annual Grant County fundraising event for local nonprofits, is coming around again on Saturday,



May 20. **This year it will be held as an online event, due to Covid-19 impacts in our community. More information will be coming soon. Stay posted.**

Donations will be accepted at <https://givegrandly.civcore.com/SWNMA> from May 9 – 20.

Any contributions made between May 9 and May 19 count toward meeting the match amount provided by the event sponsors.

Your contribution helps support the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, including *keeping the lights on*, youth education for local schools trips. It took us 5 years to get the funding to replace the Wood House roof. Your donations played a BIG part in achieving that goal.

Our new major goal, besides raising enough funds for everyday expenses, is to replace the trail signs which are badly sun damaged. These signs cost approximately \$1000 each. So we have our work cut out for us!

We are extremely grateful to those who made donations to us in past years and hope you will keep us in your giving plan for GIVE GRANDLY 2020.




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### LOCAL CHURCHES

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Pastor Janet Whitmore has returned  
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Mimbres United Methodist Church  
has a box on Highway 35 in which  
people may put their prayer requests,  
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# SENIOR CENTER MENU

PLEASE CALL YOUR SENIOR CENTER BEFORE  
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FOR MEALS. ALL DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED. THANK

## May 2020

## MILK IS SERVED DAILY

MONDAY				FRIDAY
HMS Senior Centers Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990				1 Bean Burrito Tossed Salad Spanish Rice Crackers w/ Peanut Butter Orange
4	5	6	7	8
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Carrots Slice Bread Apple	Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas Lettuce & Tomato Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Fruit Cocktail	Pepperoni Pizza Italian Vegetables Tossed Salad Sliced Pears	BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Cornbread Strawberries	Egg Salad Sandwich Carrots & Celery Baked Chips Peanut Butter Cookie
11	12	13	14	15
Cajun Baked Fish Rice Pilaf Cauliflower & Broccoli Biscuit Yogurt	Chicken Tacos Lettuce & Tomato Calabacitas w/ Green Chile Pinto Beans Pudding	Lasagna Tossed Salad Italian Vegetables Breadstick Cookie	Green Chile Cheeseburger Lettuce/Tomato/Onion/Pickle Mexicorn Peaches	Chile Beans w/ Cheese Tossed Salad Cornbread Strawberries Ice Cream
18	19	20	21	22
Chicken Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Green Beans Pineapple	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Yogurt Oatmeal Cookie	Tater Tot Casserole California Vegetables Tossed Salad Slice Bread Peaches	Pig In A Blanket Spinach Salad Corn Sliced Pears	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Soup Tossed Salad Orange
25	26	27	28	29
Senior Center Closed 	Chicken Adovada Pinto Beans Spinach Flour Tortilla Tapioca Pudding	Sloppy Joe Tossed Salad Green Beans French Fries Applesauce	Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo Corn & Peppers Breadstick Slice Pears	Turkey Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Baked Chips Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Apple

## NEW PROCEEDURES

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## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVIES

Have all been cancelled until further notice.

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## Conejo Mimbrenño Visits Chaco Culture National Historic Park

The 15th in our series highlighting New Mexico National Parks and Monuments

By Marilyn Markel

Chaco Culture National Park is filled with remarkable structures and landscapes; Pueblo Bonito, Casa Rinconada, Pueblo del Arroyo are some of the ancient places found in Chaco Canyon and the surrounding cultural area.

Chaco, a World Heritage Site, dates from 850 to 1250 A.D. and is thought to have been the center for sharing traditions, knowledge, and ceremonies among Pueblo clans and people. The Anasazi or Ancestral Puebloans, ancestors of present-day Pueblo people, built Chaco. Sites like Pueblo Bonito were first excavated by archaeologists in the early 1900s, research still continues today. Archaeologists are scientists and use artifacts like pottery found at sites to learn about the past. The residue of cacao (chocolate) has been found in special cylinder-shaped pottery vessels discovered at Pueblo Bonito. The vessels were thought to have been used to mix a



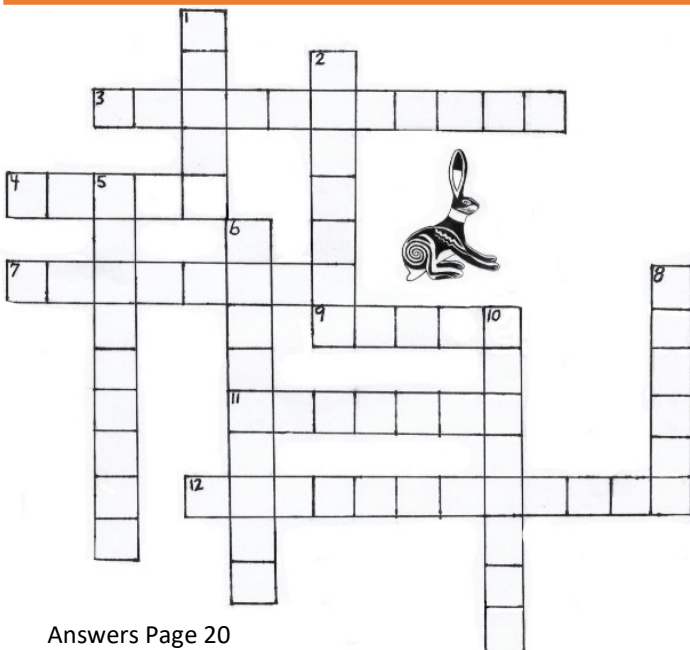
frothy cacao drink, vessels similar to those used by the Mayans and Aztecs in ancient Mexico.

A canteen-shaped ceramic pot from the Chaco Canyon area was discovered by archaeologists at the Mattocks Ruin archaeological site in Mimbres. This pot suggests the Mimbres People were in contact with Chacoan peoples, maybe trading partners. Preservation of archaeological sites is important to all of us, all Americans, with the goal to save amazing places like Chaco and the Mattocks Ruin. We all can be stewards of our public lands.

### Chaco Culture National Historic Park Crossword

Read about Chaco Culture National Historic Park.

Fill in the blanks for crossword clues.



Answers Page 20

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES: DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the main ingredient of chocolate.
2. At Pueblo Bonito, in Chaco Canyon, specially-shaped pottery \_\_\_\_\_ were used to mix and drink a frothy cacao drink.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, like pieces of pottery, are found at archaeological sites.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ Puebloans built sites like Pueblo Bonito and many other places in New Mexico.
8. Chaco \_\_\_\_\_ is the location of Pueblo Bonito, Chetro Ketl, Casa Rinconada, Pueblo del Arroyo, and other extraordinary archaeological sites.
10. We can all be \_\_\_\_\_ of our National Parks and Monument and all public lands.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES: ACROSS

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the study of people who lived in the past. Archaeologists investigated many sites in the Chaco Cultural Area.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Culture National Historic Park is located in northwest New Mexico.
7. Chaco is one of many \_\_\_\_\_ Parks and Monuments in New Mexico.
9. Archaeological \_\_\_\_\_ were built by Ancestral Puebloans and people of other cultures and time.
11. Archeology is a \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ of all of our special and important places, like Chaco, is to the benefit of all Americans.



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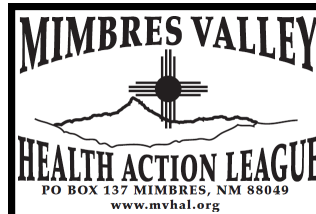
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The Mimbres Valley Health Action League was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways targeted to do that are by improving communication and social networks, providing preventive health education, improving access to health and social services, increasing financial and economic stability, increasing recreation opportunities, increasing education opportunities, and promoting a safe and



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Harvest Festival  
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The San Lorenzo Children's Garden

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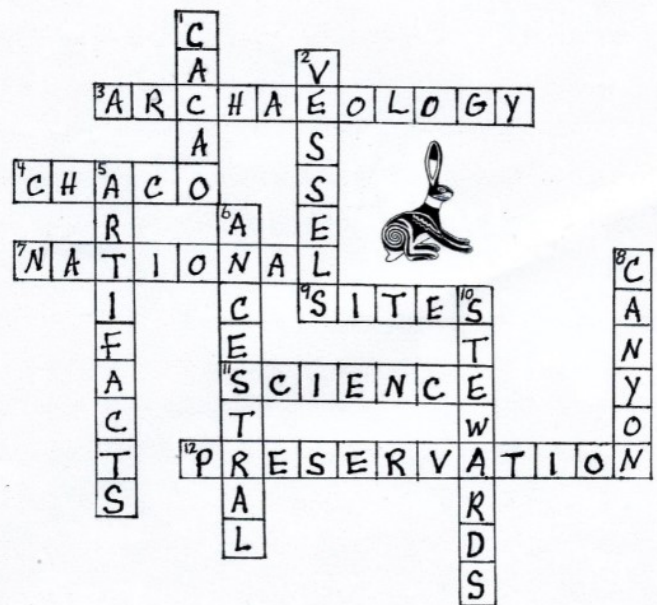
**WEDNESDAY, May 20 Noon to 2 pm**

**Commodities Pickup** - Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.

**VOTING**

A reminder that Grant County purged over 2000 voters last spring. You should check your voting status at [www.nmvote.org](http://www.nmvote.org) to make sure you can vote in the primary this year. Remember, only voters registered in one of the state's three major parties can vote in the primary. And you can request an absentee ballot from the same site.

Also, there is a possibility that the state will go to an all mail ballot- there is a NM Supreme Court hearing April 14 to determine this. So while at [www.nmvote.org](http://www.nmvote.org), please make sure your registration address is current. And ask your friends and colleagues to do the same. This needs to be done by May 5. [The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is later in May, but why wait?]

**Chaco Culture National Historic Park Crossword Answer**

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